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SUBJECT: TURKS PROTEST EC-CYPRUS MEETING

1. SUMMARY: A MEETING OF THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24 AT LUXEMBOURG. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS PROTESTED TO THE EC COMMISSION AGAINST MEETING WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH IT CLAIMS REPRESENTS ONLY THE GREEK ELEMENTS ON CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC HAS AGREED TO A MEETING OF THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL TO TAKE PLACE IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 24. THEORETICALLY, SUCH MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY BUT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LAST JULY WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AT THAT TIME. THE JUNE MEETING WAS REQUESTED BY THE NIKARIOS GOVERNMENT WHICH CURRENTLY HOLDS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSOCIATION. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION ON THE AGENDA IS AN EXAMINATION OF HOW CYPRUS IS AFFECTED BY THE EC'S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY.

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3. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED

THE MEETING VIA A NOTE TO EC COMMISSION FROM THE
TURKISH MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE
INFORMED THAT THE TURKISH NOTE ARGUES THAT FOR THE
COMMUNITY TO MEET WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTS
ONLY THE GREEK ELEMENTS ON CYPRUS COULD PREJUDICE
THE ISLAND'S FUTURE. THE COMMISSION POSITION IS THAT
THE MIKARIOS GOVERNMENT IS STILL THE LEGITIMATE
GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND THAT THE COMMISSION THERE-
FORE HAD NO REASON TO REFUSE THAT GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST
FOR A ROUTINE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING. GREENWALD

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